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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of	)
Guy LaTorre et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1615
Application No.: 09/488,202	) Examiner: R. Bennett
Filed: January 19, 2000	)
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TREATING NAILS AND ADJACENT TISSUES	) ) )

## AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Final Official Action of February 5, 2001, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R.§1.114, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 8, 12, 13, 14 and 16 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for treating nails comprising applying a composition comprising an effective, nail enhancing amount of non-interlinked particles of bioactive glass to the nails for a suitable amount of time.